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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor,
The Times-Virginian
Appomattox, Va.

Will you please put something in the TIMES-VIRGINIAN about the terrible people who parade as hunters and prey on innocent people and their animals.

On Thanksgiving Day a miserable person was hiding in the woods near my nephew's home and shot my valuable and beautiful dog as she went a few feet into my own woods, which are posted. The killer fled and I've lost my beautiful, good pet dog and still the killer is unknown and at large.

We will be deeply grateful if you will help expose such ruthless people.

Mrs. Thomas N. Saul
Route 2, Appomattox, Va.

COUNTY FAMILIES MORE AFFLUENT

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with small incomes, the proportion required is somewhat greater than that and, for those with large incomes, somewhat less.

Applying these findings to Appomattox County and to the level of income reported for the community, the average spent per local family for food, shelter and clothing is close to $4,480 a year.

In general, the Labor Department finds, out of every $100 of income that a family spends, about $24.00 goes for housing, $23.10 for food and $10.90 for clothing.

As for the rest of the $100, taxes take $16.30, transportation, $8.80, health care, $5.60, and miscellaneous, $11.30.

Thus, in Appomattox County, an estimated $3,250 per family remains, after the necessities are taken care of, to be used for savings, education, leisure activities and other purposes.

This is more than many families have left for such discretionary spending, the figures show.

As a result, local residents have been able to upgrade their living standards. Although confronted with the same inflation problems and job situation that has been plaguing the rest of the country in recent years, they own more cars, are better housed and have more time-saving appliances than ever before.

RECEIVES AWARD

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Lawson, a native of Appomattox, is married to the former Miss Peggy Smith and they are the parents of three children; two daughters, Rindy and Sue, and one son, Freddy. He is the son of Mrs. Rachel F. Lawson and the late J. R. Lawson.

ADULT EDUCATION

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es in the Appomattox County High School Cafeteria and the Pamplin Elementary School on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Adults may enroll at anytime during the year in this program. No classes will meet during the weeks of December 18, 25, 1972 and January 1, 1973.

In the General Education Program, typing will be offered at Appomattox County High School. This class will begin Monday, January 29, 1973 at 7:00 p.m. Also at Appomattox County High School, Bookkeeping will be offered. The first class meeting will be Thursday, February 15, 1973 at 7:00 p.m. Office Machines will be offered at Appomattox County High School. The first class meeting will be Tuesday, January 30, 1973 at 7:00 p.m.

If you desire to register by mail, please write Adult Education, P. O. Box 548, Appomattox, Va. 24522. Please call 352-8253 for additional information.

RELIGIOUS CARDS TAKE LEAD IN POPULARITY

"Sorry, we don't have any more Christmas cards, only some religious ones."

These words, supposedly spoken by a saleswoman to a last-minute shopper for greeting cards a good many years ago, wouldn't be meaningful now.

During recent Yule seasons, greetings with a religious message have led the way in popularity. The wryly-humorous idea that anyone looking for cards wants some that show only the convivial side of Christmas was never very funny, and now it definitely isn't true.

Early cards pictured dancers and skaters, holly and mistletoe, robins and other birds, beautiful women and charming children and flowers by the score.

Such themes still appear, but they take second place to religious messages--especially, "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

The Pastor Speaks

GIVE AND GOD WILL REPAY YOU

I know this sounds like a ridiculous statement but the Scripture is very clear concerning this matter. Let me remind you of these wonderful words: "But remember this -- if you give little, you will get little. A farmer who plants just a few seeds will get only a small crop, but if he plants much, he will reap much.

Everyone must make up his own mind as to how much he should give. Don't force or expect anyone to give more than he really wants to, for God loves a cheerful giver.

God is able to make it up to you by giving you everything you need and more, so that there will be enough for your own needs, and plenty left over to give joyfully to others.

God will give you much so you can give away much . . . When we take our gifts to those who need them, they will break out into thanksgiving and praise to God for your help." II Corinthians 9:5-11

It is clear in the Word of God that we should for God to give back to us in the form of our need and in proportion to that which we have given to Him. Our miracle or answer to prayer will come . . . if Jesus is really first in our lives, if we are really looking to God as our source of supply and if we are believing that He will do it . . . **HE WILL!** (Phillippians 4:19)

Richard C. Brackin, Pastor
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Appomattox, Virginia

The Sunday School Lesson

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Comment on the International Sunday School lesson for December 10, 1972 A Nation Against God - Scripture: Jeremiah 2:1-19; 3:6 - 5:31

"my people have committed two evils:
they have forsaken me,
the fountain of living waters,
and hewed out cisterns for themselves,
broken cisterns,
that can hold no water.
Jeremiah 2:13

Although the portion of Jeremiah's prophecy which provides the background for the International Sunday School lesson for December 10 was delivered during the reign of Josiah, while the king was undertaking to bring about religious reforms, it has a disturbing relevance for today. One cannot read the section which depicts the forsaking of God by His people without applying it to the neglect of God by so many today. Nor can one read the section which foresees the ravaging of the land by hostile armies from the north without realizing that no lesson of history is more indelibly inscribed upon the monuments of man than that destruction is the fate of an unrighteous, ungodly people. So, while the historical aspects of Jeremiah's prophecy are intriguing to explore, the timelessness of its message should be of vital concern today.

Living water is a term used to symbolize the Divine truth of redemption. Speaking to the Samaritan woman at the well of Sychar, Jesus said that if she had asked Him for water, He would have given her **"living water."** Then He amplified it: **"Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."**

In Jeremiah the term **"living water"** has the same symbolism. The prophet, as Jesus, indicates that there is only one source of living water. One of the evils committed by the people of Judah is that they have forsaken this source of living water, which is God. The other is that they have undertaken to substitute another source of living water by making one for themselves, but the cisterns they have undertaken to make are broken and will not hold water.

This word picture indicates the futility of trying to find a substitute for God and His truth and His will as a guide for our lives. There is no substitute for God, though man persists in trying to find one. All the substitutes man thinks he devises -- and they are many -- are inadequate -- as inadequate for supplying the needs of life as a cracked cistern is for holding water. The consequence of the two evils is that the people who commit them lose their opportunity to be children of God, the highest privilege people can have.

Jeremiah uses another symbol to emphasize the apostasy of the people of Judah. It is the same figure used a prophet of the northern kingdom of Israel a century before, Hosea, and may reflect Hosea's influence on Jeremiah in the prophetic ministry. In this symbol God's covenant with His people is likened to a marriage vow which one party violates by committing adultery. It was an apt symbol then, for adultery in real life was prevalent; it is an apt symbol now, when adultery again is widespread. The abandonment of God by His people and their turn to idolatry is like the abandonment of the husband by a wife who takes up with another man.

Significantly Jeremiah finds the formal religion of his time a party to substituting broken cisterns for the fountain of living water and to breaking the covenant of the people with their God: **"prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests rule at their direction."** These religious leaders, in approval of the desire of rebellious people, ask the question, **"But what shall we do in the end thereof?"** Jere[miah] answers by pointing out today's choices: institutions, systems, employees, alliances, lines of God's

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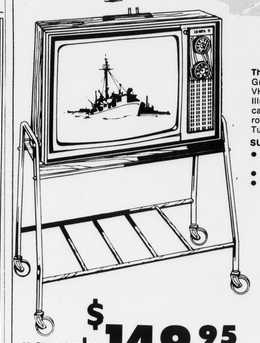
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Obituaries

W. A. WINGFIELD SR.

William A. Wingfield, Sr. of 1323 Greycourt Ave., Richmond, Va., died Monday, Nov. 27, 1972

He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wingfield, of Appomattox, Va.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary T. Wingfield; one daughter, Mrs. Shirley W. Leftwich, of Mechanicsville; two sons, Carlton R. and William A. Wingfield, Jr., of Mechanicsville; two sisters, Mrs. Mattie Upchurch and Nell Harvey, of Richmond; six brothers, Patrick Wingfield, of Roanoke, Julian and Lester Wingfield, of Appomattox, Twyman, Herman and Bradley Wingfield, of Richmond and eleven grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted on Wednesday from Woodys Funeral Chapel, 211 E. Laburnum Ave. Interment was in Forest lawn Cemetery in Richmond.

MORRIS U. FERGUSON

Morris U. Ferguson, of 3904 Ellwood Avenue, Richmond, Virginia, died November 22, 1972.

A native of Appomattox County, he is survived by his wife, Mrs. Evelyn C. Ferguson; three sons, Morris U. Ferguson, Jr. of Richmond, James Ferguson of Overland Park, Kansas and William R. Ferguson of Richmond; four brothers Bernard W., James M., Lawrence N., and Henry W. Ferguson; five sisters Mrs. Wilson Scruggs, Mrs. Hunter Paris, Mrs. S. J. Currie, Jr., Mrs. W. B. Attmore, and Mrs. Earl Wynkoop; seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Joseph Bliley at Richmond. Interment was at Westhampton Memorial Park in Richmond.

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Gets Unusual Buck

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Virginia Council For Deaf Have 1st Meeting

The new Virginia Council for the deaf met for the first time yesterday in the board room of the Virginia Department of Vocation al Rehabilitation in Richmond.

Otis L. Brown, secretary of human affairs, Governor's Office, convened the organizational meeting. The council was established by the 1972 Virginia General Assembly.

In his remarks to the 14 member council, Brown suggested that each member divorce himself from his own organization, institution, or state agency and think of "what can be done cooperatively for the hearing impaired and the deaf citizens of the Commonwealth," He asked the group to determine whether the council should "be under another state agency" or become a separate agency. He gave the group a deadline for developing a budget as December 15 for the presentation at the January, 1973 session of the General Assembly.

David S. Frank, Jr. of Fairfax was elected chairman of the council to serve on an interim basis until July 1, 1973. Joe R. Shinpaugh, superintendent, Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind, Staunton was appointed as vice-chairman.

A budget committee was named, consisting of William J. McConnell, superintendent, Va. School for the Deaf and Blind, Hampton; Mrs. Bernard W. Moore, Richmond, who is president of the Virginia Association for the Deaf; and chairman Frank.

James T. Micklem, director of special education, State Department of Education, pointed out to the council that it should be concerned with prevention, as well as services to those with existing problems.

Volunteer Support

WITH PRACTICED HAND, technician Cathie Bessinger operates centrifuge at the March of Dimes Prenatal Care Clinic in Lansing, Mich. Mrs. Bessinger, a Junior League member, is among the volunteers from leading women's organizations who co-sponsor prenatal care projects with the voluntary health organization. Their aim: improving the quality of life at birth and prevention of birth defects. January is March of Dimes month.

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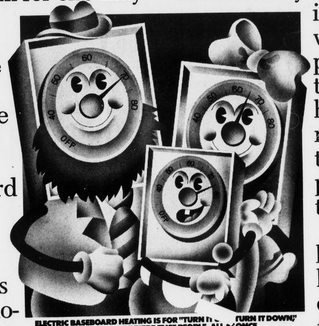
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